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FIRST OF PRELIMINARY DECLAMATION CONTESTS

Buffalo Representative First Chosen to Compete on Hill at the Interscholastic.

CONTEST PROVES SUCCESSFUL.

Sicard, '06, and Osborn, '09, to be Commended for Their Efforts. Prof. Lewis Held Gavel.

The first of the Hamilton Declamation Contests was held last Wednesday night at Buffalo under the auspices of the Buffalo Alumni Association. The large Y. M. C. A. memorial hall was filled with spectators the larger part of whom were schoolboys from the Buffalo High Schools. "An excellent Hamilton night," Prof. Lewis, who presided, assures us. "The interest which this contest has aroused in Buffalo bids well for the complete success of the scheme."

Not content with being the originator of this new plan to bring Hamilton more closely to the attention of school-boys throughout the State, Prof Lewis took the trouble to lend an air of substantiality to the evening by consenting to preside. In the intermission, he also gave a short talk on the value of public speaking, incidentally letting it be known that oratory is one of the strongest departments at Hamilton.

Sicard, '06, and Osborn, '09, had worked well to make the contest a success. For two weeks each of the Buffalo High Schools had been holding preliminary contests to decide who should compete last Wednesday night, and this practice is being followed at Clinton High School and elsewhere in preparation for later contests in the series.

During the winter Prof. Lewis has been corresponding with different Alumni Associations in the State with the result that besides the Buffalo contest, other contests will be held in Albany, Syracuse, Utica, Rochester and New York. As eight or ten men will speak in each contest the field of competition in our Prize Speaking on Interscholastic Day will be considerably widened.

Cash prizes are awarded to the winners of the preliminary contests by the Alumni Associations sufficient to defray their expenses to Clinton on May 18th, the day set for Interscholastic speaking. Winning a prize carries with it the obligation to compete in the final prize contest at the College.

The result of this Buffalo Contest was awaited with considerable anxiety, for a failure not only would presage disappointment of the hopes of all who have been interested in Prof. Lewis' plan but would tend to discourage the promoters of the other contests. This first contest, however, was successful enough to satisfy even the most optimistic. Prof. Lewis states that "the speaking was fine, the poorest comparing favorably with the work of Freshmen, while the appearance of the winner, Sidney Pfeifer, of Central High School, was a great surprise to me."

Too much praise cannot be given Sicard and Osborn for the way in which they took hold of the scheme and achieved so great a sucess.

The judges were E. C. Neal, F. F. Baker, '00, Charles Rohlfs, and Geo. Sicard, '06.

PRESIDENT REFUSES ADMISSION TO PARENTS OF GRADUATING CLASS

Senior Class Appeals Decision to Trustees with Petition for Open Commencement—Dr. Stryker Says that Chapel can Hold only Alumni

Arguing that the Centennial Commencement is for the Alumni, President Stryker has declined to admit parents of the Class of 1912 to the graduation exercises.

In protest against what is declared to be an invasion of their rights the Executive Committee of the Class has prepared a petition for an "open" Commencement.

This petition will be presented to and considered by the Board of Trustees of the College at their next meeting on April 15.

The petition is a culmination of a feeling of indignation which has been smouldering in the Senior Class for several months. It has been persistently rumored ever since the first announcement of plans fro the Centennial Commencement that the limited seating capacity of the Chapel, in which it was understood the Commencement exercises would be held, would necessitate the exclusion of many guests of the Hill. It was believed ,however, that some provision would be made for the fathers and mothers of the graduating men.

Last week the president of the Senior Class in consultation with President Stryker learned that no such provision had been made and that as far as the President was concerned none would be made. The Alumni first and then possibly the student body was his answer . Concerning an 'open" Commencement Dr. Stryker stated that he had no authority for assuming that the exercises would not be held in the Chapel and that this being the case a great number would have to be excluded. The first debt of the College, he believed, was to its Alumni and consequently no admission tickets would be issued to parents of the graduating class.

Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock the members of the Executive Committee of the Class of 1912 convened and decided to forward a petition to the Commencement Committee of the Trustees. The petition does not presume to offer advice to the Trustees nor to criticise any action which may have been or will be taken in regard to Commencement. It merely voices the opinion of the Class that since fathers and mothers are responsible for the presence of sons in College those fathers and mothers should be permitted to attend the graduation exercises. Various plans for remedying conditions have been proposed and discussed. It has been suggested that the exercises should be held in Clinton at the Stone Church, but discussion of this plan has showed that it would not be feasible. A still further suggestion has been made to the effect that Commencement should be held on the Campus out of doors or that a tent should be raised. This idea, while it has not been and probably will not be suggested to the Trustees by the students, has met with considerable favor.

While the seating capacity of the Chapel has been stated as being 600, it is difficult to believe that more than 350, or at the most 400, can be crowded into it on a hot June day.

At present a spirit of indignation pervades the Hill but it is believed that the matter will be amicably adjusted to the satisfaction of both the Alumni and parents. No further action will be taken until the Trustees have acted upon the petition.

BANG! GO THE WINDOW PANES.

Signs of Spring Call Baseball Men to Daily Practice.

The long awaited breath of Spring has added a zest to the hitherto infrequent baseball practice, so that panes now drop daily out of the second story windows of the Gym. Coach Pierce of Williams was expected to be present last Saturday to look over the candidates and to give them preliminary instructions but a business engagement made necessary a postponement of his visit. Following the orders of the Coach, submitted in a letter to Captain Root, the battery candidates are loosening up their arms and giving all the men bunting practice. Limited as the facilities of the Gym., the players already are showing improvement. Resounding smacks as ball hits glove denote that the speed of the pitchers is increasing while the batters are gradually getting their eyes on the ball. Of the Freshmen to show signs of being possibilities, Crothers, pitcher, and Miller, catcher, appear to be the best.

Captain Root has stated that light practice will be held daily in the Gym. until the players are able to get out of doors.

CLUE TO THE CULPRITS.

Is Wheelock Implicated in Base Forging of Ballots?

At 10 o'clock last night Charles Denslow Wheelock of Boonville, a one-time supporter of the Wilson boom, was seen entering the room of Morton Groves, where the remnants of the spurious ballots are alleged to have been found. Shortly before midnight it was announced that Wheelock had reconsidered his decision and would return to the Wilson support. It is believed that he will assist in the defense of Groves.

Developments are expected hourly.

PECK ELECTED PRESIDENT.

The annual election of the officers of the Charlatans was held Sunday afternoon. Walter E. Peck, '13, was elected President for the coming year and E. N. Miller, '14, Business Mgr.

—LaForce, ex-'14, has gone into farming in Missouri.

—George Abott, '10, was on the Hill Sunday.

—Word comes from Warren, Ohio, that McNair, '10, is grooming another likely winner for the Interscholastic Oratorical Contest next Spring.

ROCHESTER WITHDRAWS FROM N. Y. S. I. A. U.

Alleges That Other Colleges in the Union Are too Small to Provide Competition.

REFUSES TO PAY FINE OF $100.

Action Likely to Break Up the Old League Which Has Outlived Its Usefulness and Worth.

The announcement of Rochester University of their intention to resign from the N. Y. S. I. A. U., although apparently insignificant in itself, is distinctly prophetical in that it undoubtedly portends the ultimate dissolution of the Union which has been in existence for the past fourteen years.

The Union performed its function in the early days of its establishment when Hamilton and the other colleges represented were almost equally matched in athletic struggles. Now Colgate competes with the great universities of the land; the schedules of the other colleges are peculiarly ill adapted to perfect harmony in the Union and the organization has become a mother inferior to the child. In resigning, Rochester has taken a step which the other colleges desired, but feared, to take. The alleged statement that "the other colleges in the Union are too small to be of an athletic importance" is doubtless an argument advanced by Rochester to further an end, but which comparative scores of the past few years do not substantiate. Financial difficulties and the desire for a more comprehensive schedule led them to a step, which can not by any means be condemned, though censured and deplored by those ardent adherents of the Union who still believe it the efficient and practical organization of a half dozen or more years ago.

A dual meet between Rochester and Hamilton last Spring, cancelled by the former, is one of the alleged reasons for their resignation. In failing to pay the hundred dollars forfeit, a necessary attendant of any meet cancelled without just provocation, Rochester broke one of the by-laws of the Association. The officials of the Union were insistent in their demands for the payment of this fee and it is affirmed that this merely served as an excellent excuse completely to sever with the League.

At a meeting of the Union held Saturday afternoon at the office of Arthur J. Foley in Utica, and at which representatives from Hamilton, Union, Colgate and Hobart were present, the resignation of Rochester was accepted, pending the decision of the investigating committee concerning their poor financial condition. The Union has been strict in its enforcement of the eligibility rules and Rochester, by withdrawing from its ranks, will no longer be bound by the stringent ordinance.

The matter of awarding the basketball pennant for 1910 and 1911 and the football pennant for 1911 was postponed until a special meeting of the Union which will be held prior to the annual meet at Colgate on May 30. St. Lawrence, Alfred and Vermont are to be invited to participate in the meet.

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EDITORIAL.

Delinquents.

An effort on the part of delinquent athletes to make themselves eligible for Baseball and Track by taking advantage of the Easter Delinquency Day to get their work off would be appreciated by the College.

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What Are We Coming To?

The present attitude of the authorities that the Centennial Commencement Exercises shall be open only to a select few cannot too soon be changed. Although definite plans have not yet been made, no excuse can be offered to condone even the fleeting thought that one visitor should not be as privileged as the next.

Grant that the Chapel is small, grant that the visitors are to be many, to exclude the fathers and mothers of the members of 1912 would be absolutely inexcusable. They are the first to be given entry. They are there not to hear President Taft and Senator Root ,not to fret under lengthy platitudes, not to listen to the glories of Alexander Hamilton and of the College which bears his name; they want to see their sons graduate. For them to be denied this privilege is the height of injustice.

A sorry day it is when we carry sentiment so far as to claim that Alumni "as the most important part of the College should be the most favored." Such an attitude smacks of the selfish zeal which lauds Hamilton as the best and only college in the land and which drives injured men into a football game at the risk of lifelong disablement.

Are we carrying Hamilton Spirit to an extent that precludes all thought but of Hamilton? Is some Alumnus who has never looked off across the valley since he marched straight down the Hill after his Commencement to come back now to rob a parent of the opportunity of seeing a son graduate?

Gentlemen ,just stop a moment in this enthusiasm over Hamilton College and Hamilton Alumni! Do not overlook those who are making Hamilton College possible. Graduation represents in many cases the harvest of years of toil, of scrimping, and of unselfish self-denial.

And you would neglect the fathers and mothers. For what? For the Alumni. For sentiment. God save the mark!

Of course President Taft is to be here and the eyes of the educational world are to be directed at this College, but it may be just as well not to forget that men are graduating just as always and that they and their families are entitled to some consider ation.

If there is an Alumnus of this College who so easily forgets his own Commencement and his own father and mother that he would shoulder aside other fathers and mothers who want to see and should be allowed to see their sons graduate, may he enjoy his seat. We hope it burns him.

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Grievance Committee.

The composition of the Executive Council suggests that powers be given to that body more far reaching than its present duties, exacting and comprehensive as they are. While a recommendation that the three Faculty members be made truly represent ative of the Faculty by vesting in them final jurisdiction over all matters under Faculty control may seem a trifle radical, yet why should so many checks and balances in the administration of our activities be necessary. This continual running to the Faculty over trivial details such as approving of schedules is absurd. Briefly, Life suggests that all matters relating to the Activities now referred to the Faculty for action be settled as they arise by the Faculty members of the Executive Council. A certain amount of friction would ensue from the adoption of such a plan —that is to be expected, of course— but details could be adjusted in a short time if the Faculty wished to do so.

This scheme is proposed not with the hope of seeing it adopted at once but as one sows seed, to bear fruit in good time. Think it over; later we shall discuss it at more length.

A further sugestion, however, can be acted on at once by the College. The student members of the Council, representing as they do the sentiment of the College, should compose an admirable Grievance Committee with powers to act as an intermediate body between the Faculty and the College. At present the Student Body may petition the Faculty for relief from galling restrictions or it may suggest certain improvements. This method of presenting a petition signed by all who come within the reach of the enthusiastic promoters is too ponderous to work as it should. The work of getting up petitions makes their occurrence less frequent than is desirable. When one comes to think of it, the very need of petitions is abhorrent; the Faculty and the Students should better understand one another. But if petitions there must be to keep the Faculty informed of Student sentiment, some easier means of communicating alleged wrongs should be devised.

Not only in presenting College sentiment to the Faculty, but in interpret ing and explaining Faculty rulings to the Students, this Grievance Committee might render very valuable service. No end of good might be accomplished if the Faculty were willing to co-operate as we believe it should.

.Why should the Faculty not be willing to co-operate with the Students? Why need two groups with identical purposes work apart? The Faculty is not Hamilton College; nor, it is true, is the Student Body. The two, however, form a large and important part of the corporation. Between them no friction should exist if the good of the College is best to be advanced. Yet friction does and always will exist as long as the two bodies do not work in complete harmony. All Faculty members cannot be expected to look at things from the viewpoint of the Students, nor can all Students see things from the viewpoint of the Faculty. Some friction, therefore, is inevitable, but why increase it by not trying to avoid it?

Some Faculty members, we are thankful to state, do take the trouble to ascertain Student sentiment, and the Students consulted are thereby kept informed of the attitude of the Faculty. Such practice cannot too highly be commended; Life, however, would do more by extending the scope of such practice to include auth oritative consultation of the Faculty, or a committee therefrom, with a committee of the Student Body— namely, the three members of the Council. Have them attend Faculty meetings? Surely, why not? Or, if the adoption of so advanced a plan of co-operation seems beyond the wildest hopes, why should not the College—and it would be acting entirely within its rights—empower the Student Councillors, or for that matter the members of Pentagon or of Square, to petition the Faculty on behalf of the College whenever they saw fit? More co-operation, if not imperative, is highly desirable.

HAMILTONIAN ON THE PRESS.

We learn from authoritative source that the material for the year book is practically all in and that the print ers have begun the setting up work. Although an extraordinary air of secrecy pervades the editorial sanceum, it is reported that there will a radical change both in the contents and the make-up of the book. The staff is making huge efforts to stamp their work with individuality and to get out a book that will "take" with the Commencement visitors, from whom a large sale is expected. It will be out in June.

SOPHS TO HAVE MARSHALL.

Acting upon the advice of Pres. Stryker the Sophomore Class expects to meet this week to elect a class marshall whose duty will be to encourage and enforce a hasty exit from Chapel after the morning exercises. Williamson (the human whirlwind) seems to be the logical candidate for this honored position.

—Robert A. Patteson, '87, announces that the beautiful new Y. M. C. A. building which he was so instrumental in procuring for Tarrytown, will be completed by Easter vacation. The Musical Clubs will appear at its opening.

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HILL NOTES.

—The Sophomore Botany Class visited the Franklin Mills last week and gained some practical knowledge as to the sawing of logs for lumber.

—Professor Lewis states unofficially that Prize Stab will probably be held this year for the two under classes, but not for the Juniors.

—M. Gerin will get you if you don't watch out.

—The Freshman Class pipes have been ordered.

—The Sophomores showed unwonted zeal in getting to gym. last Thursday. The plump calves of Gouverneur's pride and joy fairly twinkled as the cruel missiles sought their victim. The class soon rallied, however, much to the discomfiture of the Fresh man basket-ball captain, who alone of his classmates ventured to withstand the rush of the Sophomores.

—Corlis, '13, who was obliged to leave College on account of poor health, is at his home in Brooklyn and expects to re-enter next September in the class of '14.

—The Junior beefsteak dinner, post poned from last week, will be held Saturday night in the new Hotel Utica.

—A member of the Sophomore Class is to be elected to the Life Board to take the place of Callahan, who has left College. Burns, Leavenworth, Weaver, Evans, Carmer and Bristol have entered the competition.

—Blodgett, '09, is treasurer of the Junior Class at Syracuse Medics.

—The French Club in its regular meeting Friday night read the first two acts of "La Cagnotte."

—Stanley Butler, '98, and Juhn Butler, '09, were on the Hill last week.

—1912 men are requested to pay their Hamiltonian tax.

INTERSCHOLASTIC WEEK.

Peck, '12, who will manage Interscholastic Week this year, reports that he has received the entries of the Dwight School of New York City, Rochester East High School, and Syracuse West High School for the Interscholastic track meet. The entries of the Rochester and Syracuse High Schools, which will be the first time these schools have competed on the Campus in several years, will undoubtedly influence Cazenovia, Cascadilla and St. John's, Manlius, to make entries. The Dwight School will enter a team of fifteen men. Then, too, the Albany, Assumption, Binghamton, Carthage, Cazenovia, Colgate, Gouverneur, Mt. Vernon, Ogdensburg, Rome and Utica High Schools can be counted on to complete the entry list. The committee in charge is making elaborate plans for the entertainment of the visitors; and when May 18th, the date set, is past, it is safe to conjecture that the largest and most successful of Interscholastic Weeks will have closed.

THOMPSON PRESIDENT Y. M. C. A.

At the Y. M. C. A. elections last Friday night, C. Thompson, '12, was elected President for the coming year, Groves, '13, Vice-president, T. Jessup, '14, Treasurer, and W. Johnson, '15, Secretary.

The reports for the past year are very encouraging. The average attendance at the Sunday afternoon meetings was 45, and that of the Mission Study Class was 40. The treasury shows a balance of $38.16. The proposed line of work for the coming year includes a series of lectures on vital subjects such as "evolution" and the "origin of the earth" as regarded in the light of Christianity. Dr. Holden of Utica will conclude the series with an explanatory lecture.

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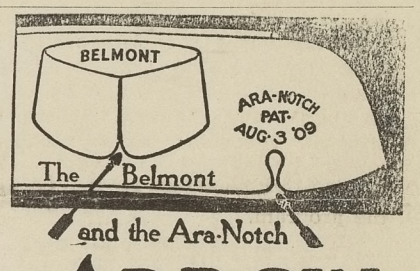

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF THE MUSICAL CLUBS

Easter Trip Includes Concerts in Western Part of State with Long Jump from Warren, Ohio to Middletown.

The plans of the Musical Clubs are still rather indefinite, but the Manager has at last consented to divulge the following arrangements. The schedule, he wishes emphasized, is purely tentative and subject to immediate change. Besides the Easter trip at least two other concerts will be given, one at Rome, March 29, in Seegar's Hall, under the auspices of the management, and the other at Utica, April 19.

Fortunately a concert has been arranged at Tarrytown on Saturday night, to close the Easter trip, at the opening of the new Y. M. C. A. building. Patteson, '87, has been particularly instrumental in securing this concert on so excellent an occasion. The Easter trip will start on Saturday night, April 6, with a concert in some nearby town, possibly in Oneida, Auburn or Seneca Falls. On Monday night, the several prides of Albion will have opportunity to appear before the ever-critical home audience in the Albion High School. For Tuesday night, either Fredonia or Westfield are possibilities, and on Wednesday the Clubs will go to Warren, Ohio, the latest feeder to Hamilton owing to the energies of McNair, '10.

From Warren the Clubs will jump back to Eastern New York. Negotiations are under way for concerts on Thursday and Friday nights at Middletown and Ossining, and on Saturday night the Clubs will close the trip with a rousing concert at Tarrytown.

Minor changes only will be made in the program.

REVISED FOOTBALL SCHEDULE.

Owing to a ruling of the Alfred faculty that their team must be back at the University by midnight on Friday, the game arranged for Saturday, September 28, has been called off and will be played Thursday afternoon, September 26. Manager Wenigmann tried to arrange it so that the Rutger's game could be played in New York City and thus give the New York Alumni a chance to see the team in action close at hand. The Faculty would not allow such arrangements—so the game will be played at New Brunswick. The following is the corrected schedule:

Sept. 26, Alfred University at Clinton.

Oct. 5, Clarkson "Tech" at Clinton.

Oct. 12, Rochester University at Clinton.

Oct. 19, Middlebury University at Clinton.

Oct. 26, Hobart College at Geneva.

Nov. 2, Rutger's College at New Brunswick.

Nov. 9, St. Lawrence University at Clinton.

Nov. 16, Union College at Schenectady.

—A. M. Drummond, '06, is on the faculty, in the English department, of Cascadilla School of Ithaca, N. Y.

—Dr. F. H. Peck, '79, of Utica, sailed for Europe last week. He intends to make a six weeks' tour of France and Germany in order to make a thorough study of the latest hospitals.

—Ritch, '15, has been elected manager of Freshman Baseball.

—President Stryker announced in Chapel last week that there were 70 student prospects for next year as against 45 at this time last year.

—Henty and McNair have reported for the assistant managership of football.

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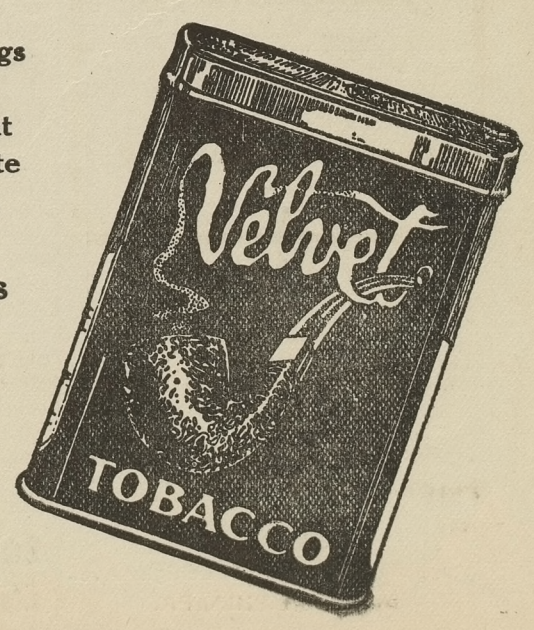

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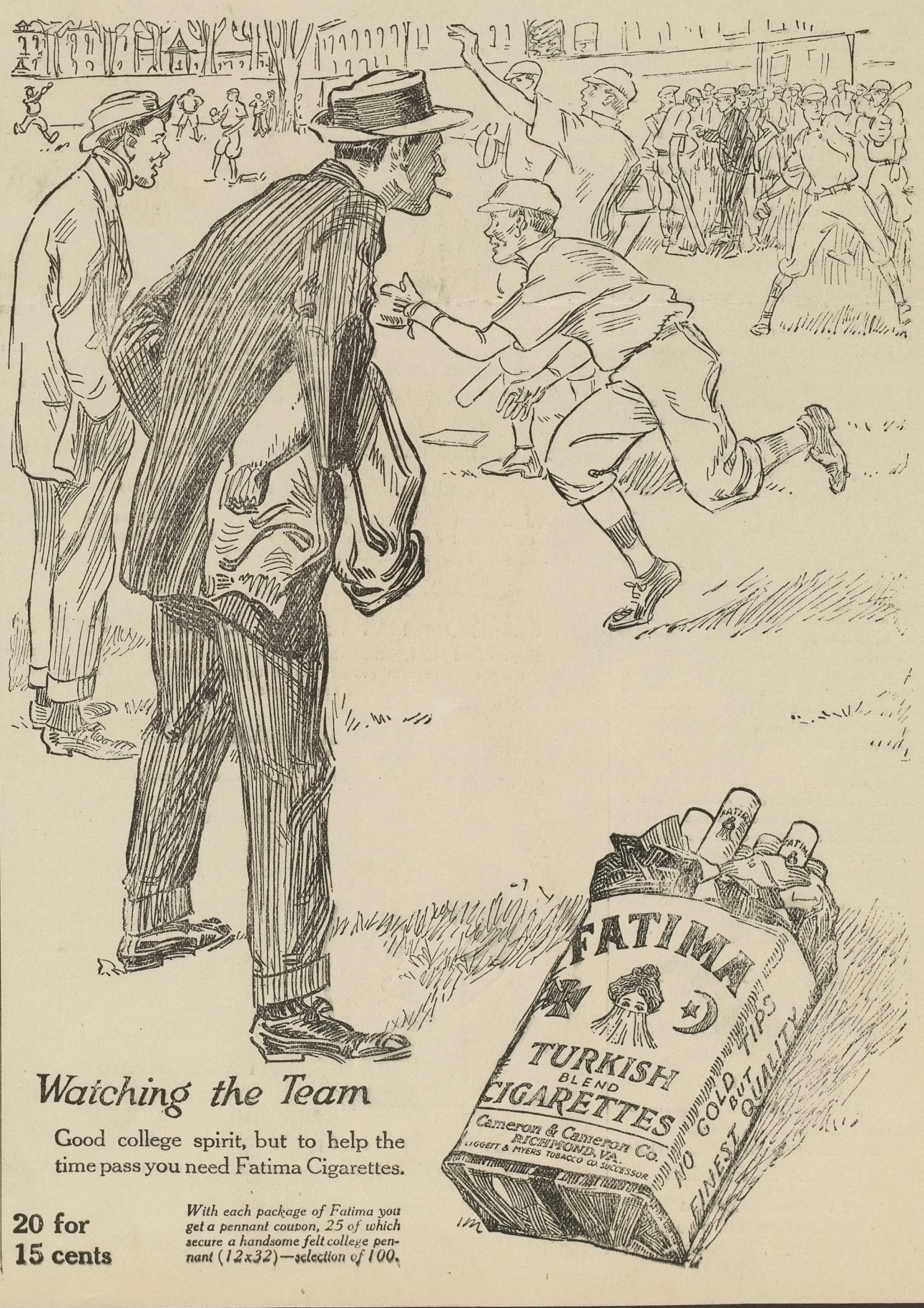

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PLANS OF POLITICAL CLUB NOW PERFECTED

To Confuse Political Issues and to Promote Political Discord Among the Intriguing Masses.

The Hamilton Political Club has thrown its hat in the ring.

Its aim has been made public: "To confuse political issues as far a possible and to promote political intrigue and discord among the masses." The officers of the club will be elected in a meeting to be held in the Y. M. C. A. a week from Friday night. All students of the College will be entitled to vote provided that they can qualify in two respects, a property right, which necessitates outstanding debts of thirty cents, and an age limit which places the minimum and maximum ages as 16 and 32 years. It is generally understood that all members of the College will successfully pass the first test and that all save John Malcolm West, alien, will qualify in the second. By a gentleman's agreement it is stipulated that no caucuses shall be held until after today and that on the day of election no "Fats" shall be distributed within 50 yards of the polling places.

The founders of the Political Club have sought to arouse interest in the national campaign and its issues. Each faction in national politics will be well represented. The electon of officers of the Club will be held strictly along party lines, while all factions of the Republican and Democratic parties will fight for control of the caucuses.

At the Roosevelt headquarters, which have been established at the inn of one Frank Merz, Bedenkapp, '12, is busily whipping his cohorts into line. Plant, '12, and Myer, '13, have promised to deliver the entire vote of Ohio and the Southern States. Boss Pratt of Verona, it is said on good authority, has his delegation under his thumb, while the votes of the entire district about Niagara Falls are solid for Teddy.

The Taft supporters are being marshalled under the leadership of Wenigmann and Roberts, '13, both of whom have been known far and wide in past years as ardent supporters of Bryan. Both predict an overwhelming victory for Taft.

The Wilson boom is being furnished by Thompson, '12, who wishes to announce that spacious campaign headquarters have been established in the cemetery. Wheelock is being assisted by Groves, '13, the former associate of Clarence Darrow in the western labor disputes.

—McGibeny, '14, has written the music for a new snappy college march song. It will be used as the opening number by the Glee Club on the Easter trip.

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SEVENTY SPURIOUS VOTES CAST FOR WILSON IN LIFE'S CONTEST

Forgers Fail Accurately to Reproduce Life's Ballot and Attempt at Fraud is Discovered—Evidence Points at Guilt of Prominent Wilson Leader

In a futile effort to further the nomination of Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey for President of the United States on the Democratic ticket persons unknown attempted to stuff the ballot box of Life's candidate election late Saturday or early Sunday morning.

Seventy spurious ballot were cast.

At 3:30 p. m. Sunday afternoon detectives in the employ of Life discovered clippings of the spurious ballots in the rooms of a prominent Wilson leader.

A sweeping investigation is under way and it is believed that within the next 24 hours complete evidence against the culprits will be unearthed.

Such are the facts of one of the greatest scandals within the memory of the present college generation.

Entering South dormitory while its occupant were slumbering soundly the miscreants deposited spurious ballots in the box which was provided for the printed slips and made good their escape. No trace as to their identity was left behind.

An examination of the ballot box Sunday morning and a counting of its contents revealed the fact that 70 spurious ballots had been cast for Woodrow Wilson.

But somebody had bungled.

The spurious ballots were facsimiles of those printed in the last issue of Life save in one respect—THERE WAS NO PRINTING ON THE BACK SIDE. The original ballots had been printed upon the last page of Life and bore on the back the advertizing of Frank Merz and John E. Hughes, as well as the headlines of a news story. The original ballots contained opposite the name of Wilson a line made up of fourteen dots. THE LINE ON THE SPURIOUS BALLOTS HAD BUT TWELVE DOTS.

Following the discovery of the attempted fraud a searching investigation was immediately instituted. Detectives in the employ of Life began stretching a dragnet through which it was impossible to escape. At 1 o'clock Sunday noon one of the politicians most prominent in the Wilson boom announced that he had severed all connection with the forces of the New Jersey candidate.

Shortly before Chapel an examination in the rooms of another Wilson supporter revealed the presence of a number of small clippings of the same paper upon which the spurious ballots had been printed. UPON THE LOWER EDGE OF A NUMBER OF THESE WAS THE UPPER LINE OF TYPE WHICH HAD BEEN USED AS A HEADLINE FOR THE BALLOT. These slips were immediately seized as evidence. The occupant of the room, whose name is being withheld pending a further investigation, refused to make any statement regarding their presence.

Eliminating the spurious ballots Wilson won the contest by a vote of 115 to 29 over Harmon. Champ Clark ran third with 25 while 11 additional candidates were nominated.

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BEST OF DR. SAUNDERS' MUSICALS AT ALPHA DELT

Members of Olive Mead Quartet, One a Sister of North, '13, Assist in Delightful Quintets.

The Editors have asked me to write a short notice of the chamber music recital of last Saturday evening. Such an invitation from "the press" was certainly not to be declined. It occurs to me that if performers generally were allowed to write their own press notices we should have much more glowing and happy accounts of public entertainments. And how happy it would make the players themselves.

In the first place let me thank the members of Alpha Delta Phi for their kindness in putting their hall at our disposal. The players were unanimous in their verdict that the room was perfect for acoustics and general comfort; and surely no one could have been more courteous than our hosts.

The recital program was as follows:

Mozart String Quintet in C minor.

Brahms String Quintet in G major.

The string quintet, as generally composed, is of two violins, two violas and violoncello. It is a string quartet with a second viola added.

We were able to present a program of quintets through the courtesy of two members of the Olive Mead Quartet of New York City, who came on especially to take part, Miss Littlenales, violoncellist, and Miss North, viola. Miss North is a sister of Dexter North, '13. Both of these players are distinguished professional artists and their masterly playing gave great pleasure to all who heard them. Mr. Alderwick of Utica took excellent care of the second violin parts and Prof. Saunders F. A. Saunders of Syracuse the second viola.

There was a good sized audience—much larger than we have had for any of the previous recitals. There must have been forty or fifty students along with an equal number from the Faculty and their families, and invited guests from Clinton and Utica.

We are very grateful to those in the college body who have regularly supported our little concerts by their attendance and appreciation. Perhaps some of you who have never yet given us a trial will do so one of these days. You may find that it is not so bad as you expect.

My three hundred word limit, is left far behind, and I have said nothing of the works themselves.

The Mozart quintet is throughout of a wonderful clarity and beauty. The menuet is remarkable in being written in canon throughout, and in parts in double inverted canon; if they would let me have another three hundred words I could explain what that means.

The Brahms is a modern work; it was composed in 1891, and while it keeps strictly to the classical forms, it has a fire, richness and complexity that mark it off distinctly from the older classical style.

In spite of the difficulties which it offers to the listener—and the performer!—the Brahms quintet appeared to give more pleasure to the audience than did the Mozart. But the audience was very kindly apprecative throughout.

A. P. SAUNDERS.

—Thompson, '12, went to Westfield Monday to make final arrangements for the concert there.

—Marsh, '12, had charge of noon chapel last Wednesday in the absence of Prof. Lewis.